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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Applicant thanks the Examiner and her Supervisor, Patrick Nolan, for participating in an interview today, January 15, 2003 in which we discussed the remaining issues in this case, and in particular discussed differences between the inventive compositions and those described by Allen. The present Response introduces claim language discussed in that interview, and obviates all rejections outstanding in the Office Action mailed December 19, 2002.

Amendment

Please cancel all claims pending in the case, and replace them with the following new claims:

- 1
~~43~~. A composition comprising:
isolated skeletal myoblasts; and
isolated fibroblast cells,
the composition being substantially free of myotubes.
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~~44~~. The composition of claim ~~43~~¹, which composition comprises at least 5% fibroblasts.
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~~45~~. The composition of claim ~~43~~¹ or claim ~~44~~², comprising:

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